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WIRES

(1) UPI-ANDERSON FROM GENEVA. VANCE AND GROMYKO ENDED...  
DISCUSSIONS...WITHOUT RESOLVING THE REMAINING ISSUES...  
ASKED IF THE TALKS HAD SOLVED THE TWO REMAINING PROBLEMS --  
A BAN ON NEW TYPES OF MISSILES AND CONTROLS ON THE SOVIET  
"BACKFIRE" BOMBER -- VANCE SAID, "NO, WE DID NOT."  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINAL SESSION...VANCE...WITH THE WIFE  
OF...SHCHARANSKY. GROMYKO WAS ASKED BY NEWSMEN IF THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE HAD COME UP IN HIS TALKS WITH THE  
AMERICAN SECRETARY. "WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A MATTER WITHIN  
THE COMPETENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION," THE RUSSIAN SAID.  
"I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DISCUSSING IT WITH YOU OR ANYBODY  
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ELSE. I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND AND ARE NOT OFFENDED." SOVIET  
SOURCES TOLD REPORTERS AN AMERICAN SALT PROPOSAL...FORWARD  
WEDNESDAY WAS "UNACCEPTABLE" BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE THE  
UNITED STATES AN INHERENT ADVANTAGE...THE OTHER REMAINING  
ARMS LIMITATION ISSUE -- THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER -- WILL

HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES MEET,  
AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID...

(2) AP-SCHWEID FROM GENEVA. U.S. AND SOVIET NEGOTIATORS

WRAPPED UP...ARMS TALKS TODAY BUT FAILED TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK ON LIMITING STRATEGIC BOMBERS AND MISSILES. THE TALKS WERE CLOUDED BY THE TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND SHARP COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER ABOUT SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. KEY OBSTACLES...REMAIN...LIMITATIONS... ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS AND WHETHER... BACKFIRE BOMBER IS SUBJECT TO TREATY CONTROLS...GROMYKO BECAME EDGY WHEN ASKED WHETHER TRIALS OF...SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG GOT IN THE WAY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS...VANCE LEFT THE TALKS...TO MEET WITH SHCHARANSKY'S WIFE...VANCE LUNCHEDED WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG...AFTER THE MEETING, YOUNG ISSUED A STATEMENT ALIGNING HIMSELF WITH A STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE DISSIDENT TRIALS AND SAYING HIS VIEWS ON SHCHARANSKY HAD BEEN GIVEN "AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION." BEFORE WAVING GOODBYE TO REPORTERS, GROMYKO SAID "WE CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE U.S. SOVIET RELATIONS BETTERED AND ENRICHED, AND WE FEEL THERE IS A NEED FOR THAT ON BOTH SIDES." "WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. TENSIONS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN YIELD NOTHING BUT HARM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL." (NOTE: EARLIER AP ITEM STATED "THERE WERE REPORTS THAT AT END OF DAY VANCE AND GROMYKO WOULD ANNOUNCE...FURTHER ARMS NEGOTIATIONS IN NY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN SEPTEMBER.")

(3) REUTERS-GUTMAN FROM GENEVA. THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION SAID TODAY THAT NEW IDEAS EXCHANGED IN THEIR LATEST GENEVA TALKS HAVE LAID A BASIS FOR NARROWING REMAINING DIFFERENCES HOLDING UP AGREEMENT ON...SALT. ...VANCE AND GROMYKO SAID: HOWEVER, THEY HAD NOT RESOLVED ALL OBSTACLES...AND...DIFFERENCES REMAINED...-- A REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THE TWO DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT A NEW TREATY COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF 1978. THEY SAID THEY...WOULD DEFINITELY MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER... MR. GROMYKO TOLD REPORTERS THAT MOST ATTENTION...WAS ON... QUESTIONS RELATING TO PREPARATION OF SALT II...MR. VANCE ...SAID BOTH SIDES PUT FORWARD NEW IDEAS...BOTH MEN SAID OTHER SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED -- A REFERENCE, ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS, TO AMERICA'S DEEP CONCERN OVER...DISSIDENT TRIALS...IN A GESTURE CALCULATED TO DISPLEASE THE RUSSIANS, VANCE MET WIFE OF SHCHARANSKY MINUTES AFTER LEAVING THE MISSION. VANCE DELIVERED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO BREZHNEV YESTERDAY...BUT GROMYKO REFUSED TO SAY IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY REPLY FROM THE KREMLIN CHIEF...ALTHOUGH BOTH MEN

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT DIFFERENCES EXISTED. THE SALT TALKS FOCUSED ON TWO ISSUES --..."BACKFIRE" BOMBER...AND... LIMITS...ON MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING...MISSILES OR INTRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES. WASHINGTON IS CONCERNED

THAT IMPROVED SOVIET MISSILES COULD...WIPE OUT AMERICA'S  
LAND-BASED MINUTEMAN MISSILE DETERRENT BY THE EARLY 1980S  
AND WANTS TO RESERVE THE OPTION TO INTRODUCE A NEW MOBILE  
MISSILE. THE DIFFERENCE APPEARS TO CENTER ON THE  
DURATION OF RESTRICTIONS. WITH THE SOVIET SIDE WANTING THEM  
TO LAST THE LIFE OF THE TREATY...AND THE UNITED STATES FOR  
NO MORE THAN THREE YEARS....MR GROMYKO AND MR. VANCE ALSO  
DISCUSSED NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND THE  
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT NEITHER  
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COUNTRY FELT THAT COMPLETION OF THE TEST BEN NEGOTIATIONS...  
SHOULD BE LINKED TO A CONCLUSION OF THE SALT TALKS...  
MR. VANCE BRIEFED MR. GROMYKO ON TALKS TO BE HELD NEXT  
WEEK IN LONDON WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN  
AND EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IBRAHIM KAMEL. ASKED IF  
BOTH COUNTRIES ADHERED TO A JOINT STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST  
GOALS CONCLUDED LAST OCTOBER 1, BOTH SAID YES. MR.  
GROMYKO FLATLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE TRIALS...

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(1) NBC (JOHN COCHRANE FROM GENEVA)

BRINKLEY: ... SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
GROMYKO OF THE SOVIET UNION TALKED ABOUT REDUCING THEIR  
HUGE SUPPLY(?) OF HEAVY WEAPONS, BUT THEY DECIDED NOTHING.  
AS GROMYKO PUT IT, THERE IS NO REST TO THIS. HERE IS  
JOHN COCHRANE IN GENEVA.

COCHRANE: GROMYKO AND VANCE MET AT THE SOVIET HEADQUARTERS  
FOR ONE LAST TRY AT BREAKING THE DEADLOCK ON SALT, BUT NO  
ONE REALLY EXPECTED A BREAKTHROUGH. DIFFERENCES WERE TOO  
GREAT. THE AMERICANS WANTED RESTRAINTS ON THE SOVIET  
BACKFIRE BOMBER, AND THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT AGREE ON HOW  
TO LIMIT NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS. WHEN THE TALKS ENDED, VANCE  
AND GROMYKO SAID DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST, BUT THEY TRIED TO  
SOUND AS OPTIMISTIC AS POSSIBLE.

(SAME FILM CLIP AS IN CBS-KALB PIECE FOLLOWING)

GROMYKO WAS ASKED IF THE TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS HURT  
CHANCES FOR AN ARMS AGREEMENT. ANSWERING IN RUSSIAN,  
GROMYKO (RESPONDED) THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS  
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THOSE TRIALS TO BE NOBODY'S BUSINESS BUT THEIRS.

-GROMYKO: "THAT IS A QUESTION WHICH IS WITHIN THE INTERNAL  
COMPETENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF

DISCUSSING IT WITH ANYONE, EVEN WITH YOU."

COCHRANE: OUTSIDE THE SOVIET MISSION, JEWISH DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTED THE TRIALS, BUT SWISS POLICE KEPT THEM OUT OF GROMYKO'S WAY, (INAUDIBLE). . . WAS CRITICIZING THE SOVIET SYSTEM. BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE LEFT GENEVA, HE MET THE WIFE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKIY. ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO FREE HER HUSBAND, NO ONE BUT A SOVIET COURT CAN FIND HIM GUILTY.

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOOK A CHANCE THIS WEEK AND APPARENTLY LOST. IT WENT AHEAD WITH THE ARMS TALKS DESPITE THE TRIALS IN RUSSIA AND DESPITE STRONG URGING BY PROMINENT CONGRESSMEN TO POSTPONE THE TALKS. NOW THE TALKS ARE OVER. THE CONGRESSMEN ARE STILL ANGRY, AND AN ARMS AGREEMENT STILL SEEMS AS FAR AWAY AS EVER.

(2) CBS (KALB FROM GENEVA

MUDD: SECRETARY VANCE AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TODAY ENDED THEIR LATEST ROUND OF ARMS NEGOTIATIONS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OVERSHADOWED BY THE TRIALS. MARVIN KALB REPORTS FROM GENEVA.

KALB: THE SETTING SHIFTED TO THE SOVIET MISSION. VANCE AND GROMYKO EACH ADVANCED NEW IDEAS ON BREAKING THE IMPASSE ON ANOTHER STRATEGIC ARMS DEAL. THE IDEAS PROVIDE A BASIS FOR MORE TALKS, PROBABLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS THIS FALL. SOME PROGRESS SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN REGISTERED ON THE KNOTTY QUESTION OF DEFINING NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS, BUT THERE WAS NO BREAKTHROUGH AND NO AGREEMENT.

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AFTER FIVE HOURS OF INTENSIVE TALKS, THE DIPLOMATS EMERGED SAYING A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND BREZHNEV WAS NOT DISCUSSED AS SUCH, BUT EXPRESSING HOPES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS AND ULTIMATELY A SALT AGREEMENT.

-VANCE: "WE BOTH HOPE THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE A SALT AGREEMENT -- A SOUND SALT AGREEMENT -- WHICH WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF BOTH OUR NATIONS AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD THIS YEAR. AND WE WILL BOTH TRY -- "

-GROMYKO: "THE SOONER THE BETTER."

-VANCE: "RIGHT. THE SOONER THE BETTER."

KALB: MRS. AVITAL SHCHARANSKIY THEN MOVED INTO THE SPOT-LIGHT AS HER HUSBAND'S TRIAL SEEMED TO CROWD THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. SHE MET WITH

SECRETARY VANCE FOR 30 MINUTES AND URGED HIM TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO GET HER HUSBAND RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHEN SHE EMERGED FROM THAT MEETING, SHE REVEALED THAT SHE HAD ALSO SPENT 30 MINUTES WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG -- OBVIOUSLY ANOTHER EFFORT ON THE U.N. AMBASSADOR'S PART TO CLEAR UP CRITICISM OF HIS COMMENTS ABOUT SHCHARANSKIY. SHE SAID YOUNG EXPLAINED HIS POSITION.

IN THEIR TWO DAYS OF TALKS HERE VANCE AND GROMYKO SPENT VERY LITTLE TIME ACTUALLY DISCUSSING THE SHCHARANSKIY CASE AND YET, DESPITE SOME PROGRESS ON ANOTHER STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT, THE TRIAL IN MOSCOW HAS DEFINITELY POISONED THE ATMOSPHERE IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND POSTPONED A SALT AGREEMENT UNTIL THE FALL IF NOT LATER. IN SHORT, THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AND ALL OF ITS RAMIFICATIONS SEEM UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKE A DIPLOMATIC ROCKET OUT OF CONTROL.

(3) ABC (BARRIE DUNSMORE FROM GENEVA)

JENNINGS: YESTERDAY MR. YOUNG BECAME THE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. IT CAME WITH HIS REMARKS TO A FRENCH NEWSPAPER. IN PART -- THE EMBARRASSING PART -- MR. YOUNG SAID, IN REFERENCE TO THE DISSIDENT TRIALS, THERE ARE ALSO IN OUR -- MEANING U.S. PRISONS -- HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, PERHAPS THOUSANDS, THAT HE WOULD CALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE SALT TALKS, THOSE REMARKS HAVE CAUSED ENORMOUS CONSTERNATION.

DUNSMORE: THE TANGLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS SEEMED TO FURTHER ENVELOPE U.N. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG TODAY. HAVING SAID YESTERDAY THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THERE WERE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN AMERICAN JAILS, YOUNG INFURIATED VANCE AND, OF COURSE, DELIGHTED THE RUSSIANS. TODAY, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SECRETARY VANCE, YOUNG TRIED TO CLIMB OFF THAT LIMB:

-YOUNG: "NOR HAVE I EVER EQUATED THE STATUS OF POLITICAL FREEDOM IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THAT IN THE SOVIET UNION. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE PERSONS HAVE RECEIVED PENALTIES FOR MONITORING OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CIVIL OR HUMAN RIGHTS."

DUNSMORE: MEANWHILE, IN THEIR SECOND DAY OF TALKS, VANCE AND GROMYKO APPEARED TO HAVE MADE SOME HEADWAY TOWARD RESOLVING THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT. THE ISSUE OF RESTRICTIONS ON NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS IS THE ONE THAT GOT THE MOST DISCUSSION. BOTH SIDES HAVE PUT FORWARD NEW IDEAS. WHILE NOT SAYING

HOW MUCH PROGRESS WAS MADE, VANCE DID SAY HE STILL EXPECTS  
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A NEW SALT AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

(SAME FILM CLIP AS IN CBS-KALB PIECE ABOVE)

FOR HIS PART, GROMYKO AGAIN REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THE DISSIDENT TRIALS. BUT HE WAS VERY POSITIVE  
ABOUT WANTING IMPROVED US-SOVIET RELATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS  
TO LIMIT STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE IN THEMSELVES  
EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLEX. CONSIDERING ALL OF THE EXTERNAL  
PRESSURES ON THIS PARTICULAR NEGOTIATING SESSION, THE  
WONDER IS NOT THAT A NEW SALT AGREEMENT WAS NOT REACHED;  
THE WONDER IS THAT ANYTHING AT ALL WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

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